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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application dated January 28, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, we enclose (1) an executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney by Masajirou INOUE, Toshihiko SUENAGA, Nobuaki KIMURA and Keisuke ANDOU; (2) a check for \$130.00 to cover the

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surcharge fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e); (4) an English translation including 31 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims and 1 page of abstract; 10 sheets drawings (Figs. 1-20); and a Declaration that the translation is accurate, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.52(d); (6) a check for \$130.00 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (7) a copy of the Formalities Letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.
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